



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana has 845,00 citizens who are uninsured or medically under served; and

**WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Primary Care Association (LPCA), Inc., a nonprofit corporation, advocates for equal access for all persons and elimination of health disparities in under served communities through federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and innovative collaboration with others; and

**WHEREAS,** LPCA is committed to excellence, leadership, education and prevention in delivering quality delivering quality health care; and

**WHEREAS,** LPCA represents a well established network of 18 Federally Qualified Health Center core sites and 18 satellite sites is dedicated to assure that FQHCs remain viable providers of primary health care through Louisiana ; and

**WHEREAS,** LPCA served approximately 87, 475 users in 2003 and generated a total of \$ 37,792,327 in Louisiana economy; and

**WHEREAS,** LPCA provides leadership on health care issues in Louisiana and supports health care policies that maintain a high standard of accountability, demonstrate cost effectiveness, empower communities to develop programs fitting specific needs, strengthen communities to enhance opportunities for children, adults, and the elderly, and provide accessible low cast health care alternatives ; and

**WHEREAS,** for more than 25 years, LPCA has taken the initiative to support FQHC expansion throughout Louisiana as a part of its enduring commitment to increase primary health care access; and

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana has been rated 49th out of the 50 states in health care.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby declare August 8-14, 2004 as

### LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE CENTERS WEEK

in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By  
The Governor

*Joseph S. Keithen*  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August  
A.D., 2004.*

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Governor of Louisiana